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News Release

Loran-C Service Outage affects Eastern United States

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Carolina Beach, NC: The U.S. Coast Guard Loran-C transmitting station in Carolina Beach, North Carolina will be off air for ten days to undergo major antenna repairs in late June.

Severe deterioration was observed on the aging antenna during a regular visual inspection and repairs have been scheduled to precede the hurricane and boating season.

The loran signal will be unavailable during the entire maintenance period that begins 8 a.m. EST on June 21, 1999 and ends on or before 4 p.m. EST on July 1, 1999.

Loran Station Carolina Beach navigational signals 7980-Z and 9960-Y service users throughout the Eastern United States. Some users will be able to receive alternate loran signals from the 8970 chain or use other 9960 baselines.

The preventive repairs will improve safety by replacing deteriorated antenna elements. Plans are to strengthen the antenna before severe storms threaten the area. Tower Inspections, Inc. of Muskogee, OK will perform the Repairs.

Further information is available by contacting the Coast Guard Navigation Center at (703) 313-5900 or through the internet: <http://www.navcen.uscg.mil>.

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